

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Werner Hoffman et al. Conf. No.: 2108  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111(c)

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated August 7, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 7, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 7 of this paper.